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## DAILY BRIEFING

### NEWS:

**1-** The Senate voted yesterday to begin formal debate on its tax reform bill, and corporate tax rates are among the issues still under discussion as they move forward. [Politico](#)

Senate GOP votes to begin debate on tax bill [The Hill](#)

**ACTION ALERT:** Support “Tax Cuts and Jobs Act” [NCFB](#)

**2-** Farmers and farmworkers report they are being hit particularly hard by the opioid crisis. Almost three-quarters of farmers or farmworkers say they've been directly affected, compared to about 45 percent of the rural population as a whole. [Bloomberg](#)

AFBF, NFU, joint survey shows impact of opioid epidemic on rural America [American Farm Bureau](#)

**3-** This November in North Carolina has been drier than usual, with about half the state ending the month with abnormally dry conditions and about 14 percent in moderate drought. [WFMY](#)

**4-** Farming has always been dangerous work, and as more novices enter the

**hobby and lifestyle farming field without lifelong instruction in how to farm safely, incidents of injury and death are rising.** [Washington Post](#)

**5- Today is the last day to submit soil samples for free testing at the NCDA & CS lab. As of Dec. 1, the seasonal fee takes effect until April 2.** [SFN Today](#)

**6- A Government Accountability Office report finds that agricultural water standards were the most commonly asked about topic related to produce rules in the Food Safety Modernization Act.** [Food Quality News](#)

**7- Father-and-son David and William Dunlow, growers in Northhampton and Halifax counties, talk about their passion for cotton, review their year, and share what works on their farm.** [Southeast Farm Press](#)

**8- It looks like the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will be further delayed as state officials have asked for more information on how the project might impact the communities through which it would run.** [Raleigh News & Observer](#)

**9- Food pantries are shouldering the load as fewer North Carolinians now qualify for food stamps. The Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina recently launched a Department of Community Health and Engagement to address nutrition education and job skills.** [WNCN](#)

## **UPDATES & MORE:**

**1- A new short film highlights NC's Women in Agritourism.** [Cooperative Extension](#)

**2- Person and Granville cooperative extensions will host a Beginning Farmer Workshop Feb. 7 in Roxboro.** [Person CES](#)

